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CLEANING OF RIVERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government have formulated a plan to make the main rivers of the country pollution free;

(b)if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c)the amount allocated for cleaning the each river State-wise; and

(d)the expenditure incurred by the concerned State Governments out of it?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) A scheme of National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) is under implementation to cover pollution abatement works in 157 towns along the polluted stretches of 31 rivers spread over 18 States at a total approved cost of Rs. 4688 crore including Central and State share.The Statewise list of towns is given at Annexure-I.The objective of the National River Conservation Plan is to improve the water quality of the rivers through the implementation of the following pollution abatement works;

• Interception and diversion of works to capture the raw sewage flowing into the river through open drains and divert them for treatment.

• Sewage treatment plants for treating the diverted sewage.

• Low cost sanitation works to prevent open defecation on river banks.

• Electric crematoria and improved wood crematoria to conserve the use of wood and help in ensuring proper cremation of bodies brought to the burning ghats.

• River front development works such as improvement of bathing ghats etc.

• Other minor miscellaneous works like afforestation, public participation, public awareness etc.

(c) & (d) The State-wise and River-wise approved cost for the purpose alongwith expenditure reported to be incurred by the concerned States upto the financial year 2003-04 is given at Annexure-II.